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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS FOR BAHRAIN

REF: (A) STATE 18749 (B) 77 JIDDA 8262

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOOK UP MATTER OF HELICOPTERS FOR BAHRAIN WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL RAHMAN AL MANSOURI ON JANUARY 31, INFORMING HIM THAT DELIVERY ON HELICOPTERS WAS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL NEW APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED INDICATING BAHRAIN AS THE END USER. POL COUN STRESSED THAT USG PREFERRED SAME PROCEDURES USED IN SALES TO YEMEN AND SUDAN. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT PROCESS WOULD BE MUCH SIMPLER AND DELIVERY TO END USER MUCH FASTER IF CONSIGNEE WERE BAHRAIN RATHER THAN SAUDI ARABIA. WE HAD INDICATION THAT FIRST SIX HELICOPTERS COULD BE DELIVERED IN MAY OR JUNE 1978.

2. MANSOURI REPEATED WHAT HE SAID ON DECEMBER 4, 1977 (REF B). SAG WANTED NEGOTIATION TO BE TRILATERAL AND WANTED TO BE SECRET

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IN ON THE PROCESS. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SAG WAS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT PRINCE SULTAN HAD SUBMITTED OMC APPLICATION FOR HELICOPTERS. HE WAS PUZZLED AS TO WHY SULTAN WANTED THEM DELIVERED TO SAUDI ARABIA RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO BAHRAIN. HE PROMISED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH SULTAN AND TO GIVE US REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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